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Monroe County, New York

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize Grant Contracts and Appropriation Transfers Pursuant the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize grant contracts with the agencies listed in Attachment A in a total amount not to exceed \$99,956,551 pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") for terms to commence on or after January 1, 2023 and terminate on or before December 31, 2026, and to authorize appropriation transfers.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. ARPA allocated \$1.9 trillion in emergency relief and recovery, of which \$350 billion was designated to support state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. Monroe County is the recipient of \$144,080,127 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through ARPA.

On October 18, 2021, Monroe County launched a robust public outreach effort for Bring Monroe Back, Monroe County's Recovery Agenda. Bring Monroe Back is a plan to invest the \$144 million in ARPA funds that builds on a dozen community and government-led plans, assessments and reports that have engaged citizens, business owners and experts in their field. Using those reports, the County identified three focus areas where funding would be invested: workforce development and economic recovery; public health and public safety; and infrastructure and sustainability. A communitywide survey, testimony from community organizations and three in-person community forums and one virtual public forum were used to help the Department of Planning and Development refine a strategic vision for investing the ARPA funding.

On June 3, 2022, Monroe County issued a Request for Proposals seeking respondents who would use ARPA funding to affect positive change in the community in the three high-priority areas: workforce development and economic recovery; public health and public safety; and infrastructure and sustainability. These critical dollars will fund priorities and lay the foundation for a long-term, collaborative recovery that makes deliberate, thoughtful investments in our community and inspires transformative change.

One hundred eighty one (181) proposals were submitted for consideration and 40 applications were selected for the first round of ARPA funding.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute grant contracts, and any amendments thereto, with the agencies listed in Attachment A in a total amount not to exceed \$71,644,551 for terms to commence on or after January 1, 2023 and terminate on or before December 31, 2026.

2. Authorize appropriation transfers in the amount of \$99,956,551 from the Monroe County Legislature, general fund 9301, funds center 1001030000, Local Recovery Fund to the departments of:

Planning, general fund 9301, funds center 1403930101 ARPA-Economic Development, in the amount of \$35,754,967;
Planning, general fund 9301, funds center 1403930102 ARPA-General Government, in the amount of \$2,000,000;
Planning, general fund 9301, funds center 1403930103 ARPA-Public Safety, in the amount of \$4,297,221;
Planning, general fund 9301, funds center 1403930104 ARPA-Health & Welfare, in the amount of \$40,592,363;
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, general fund 9301, funds center 2201010000 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, in the amount of \$1,000,000;
Human Services, general fund 9301, funds center 5103060000 Employment Services, in the amount of \$1,400,000;
Human Services, general fund 9301, funds center 5103110000 Child Care Block Grant, in the amount of \$1,600,000;
Public Health, general fund 9301, funds center 5803010000 Maternal/Child Health Services Admin, in the amount of \$4,000,000;
Public Health, general fund 9301, funds center 5809010000 Epidemiology & Disease Control Admin;
Public Safety, general fund 9301, funds center 2401010000 Director's Office, in the amount of \$710,000;
Public Safety, general fund 9301, funds center 2403020100 Juvenile Services Family Division, in the amount of \$500,000;
Public Safety, general fund 9301, funds center 2408030100 Office of Emergency Management, in the amount of \$400,000;
Sheriff, general fund 9301, funds center 3806080000 Health & Wellness Program, in the amount of \$3,502,000.
3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of these funds, any returned contractor funds, or any deferred revenue, in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
4. Should funding of these programs be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program(s) and where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program(s). Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with the New York State Civil Service Law, and when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

The grant contracts and appropriation transfers pursuant to ARPA includes Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(1) ("maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility"); (2) ("replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part"); (21) ("minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment"); (26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"); (27) ("conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in

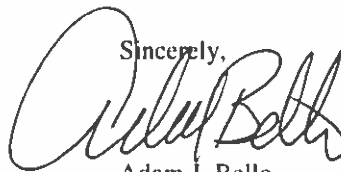
or approve such action"); (31) ("purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials"); and (32) ("license, lease and permit renewals, or transfers of ownership thereof, where there will be no material change in permit conditions or the scope of permitted activities") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

The grant contracts and appropriation transfers pursuant to ARPA includes four (4) Unlisted Actions (MAPP/PROJECT PHOENIX; Deaf Refugee Advocacy Community Connection; Youth Mentoring and Family Support in Monroe County; and VOA's Hydroponic Farm). The provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act shall be complied with prior to Your Honorable Body undertaking, funding, or approving these actions.

Funding for these grant contracts will be included in the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Planning and Development once the appropriation transfers are authorized. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

Each of these contractors has been reviewed for not-for-profit corporate status and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that none of these agencies owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

Company Name	Project Name	Brief Description	Maximum Award Amount
1 Rochester Energy Efficiency & Weatherization (RENEW)	Rochester Energy Efficiency and Weatherization (RENEW)	Grants for low-income homeowners to receive energy-efficient home improvement.	\$ 850,000.00
2 The Research Foundation for SUNY Brockport	Rochester Educational Opportunity Center (REOC) Mobile Welding Lab	A mobile welding lab that offers training programs to at-risk youth (18-24), inmates and offenders on probation that have significant barriers to employment.	\$ 1,317,950.00
3 YMCA of Greater Rochester	Neighborhood Resource Centers	The creation of Neighborhood Centers at Lewis Street, Thurston Road, and inside the Maplewood Family Branch.	\$ 2,031,544.00
4 Urban League of Rochester, NY, Inc.	Urban League of Rochester Workforce Development Program for Under and Unemployed Individuals	A wraparound program supporting underrepresented communities in distressed zip codes focused on training for skilled trades workers including Mold Abatement Workers, Asbestos Handlers, and Lead Abatement Workers. Also offers certifications in OSHA 10.	\$ 3,139,007.00
5 Monroe Community College	Transforming Lives through Nursing Pathways	Expand and strengthen the LPN, CNA/TD, HHA, and the Clinical Bridge programs to promote a smoother transition for working LPNs to succeed in MCC's RN program.	\$ 5,500,000.00
6 Multicraft Apprenticeship Preparation Program, Inc.	MAPP / PROJECT PHOENIX	A program that focuses on giving underrepresented communities the tools, training and support they need to succeed in the skilled trades.	\$ 1,200,000.00
7 St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center	Healthcare Transformation through Education, Outreach, and Engagement	Eliminating barriers to healthcare for underrepresented communities: Infrastructure improvements and comprehensive training for health care professionals. Proposal includes a new van to provide access and services directly to residents in neighborhoods with the most need.	\$ 2,758,595.00
8 Department of Pediatrics UR Medicine and Rochester Regional Health	Medical Care for All Rochester City School District Students	Collaborative project with RCSD that would create 8 school-based mental health clinics and establish telehealth infrastructure.	\$ 1,000,000.00
9 Baden Street Settlement of Rochester, Inc.	Baden Street Settlement: Convening to Fill Mental Health Service Gaps for Black and Latinx Community Members	Renovation of facilities at Baden Street to add a Mental Health clinic specializing in BIPOC communities. Doula program to prevent black maternal and infant mortality as well as a 15-week mentoring and educational course for fathers (with a focus on previously incarcerated individuals).	\$ 4,000,000.00
10 Healthy Baby Network	Making Meaningful Community Change	Deaf Refugee Advocacy Community Connections will provide ASL and English workshops, soft skills education, financial literacy courses, independent living skills programs, technical competencies coaching and workforce development training.	\$ 2,200,000.00
11 Deaf Refugee Advocacy	Deaf Refugee Advocacy Community Connections		\$ 2,000,000.00
12 Erin DiCesare	Carola Workforce Development Program Supporting Careers in the Education and Support of Individuals with Complex Disabilities	A wraparound service and workforce development program to help individuals with disabilities.	\$ 2,022,230.00
13 Reentry Association of WNY, Inc.	Reentry One-Stop	A one-stop-shop for previously incarcerated residents.	\$ 5,117,843.00
14 Willow Domestic Violence Center of Greater Rochester, Inc.	Launching a Multi-Disciplinary Family Justice Center in Monroe County	Creation of a Multi-Disciplinary Justice Center and enhancement of wraparound services for domestic violence survivors. The need for these kinds of services has increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	\$ 1,522,097.00
15 Volunteers of America of Western New York, Inc.	VOA's Hydroponic Farm	A hydroponic farm that will provide healthy food to vulnerable communities (homeless, veterans, children etc.) as well as job training and educational opportunities for Monroe County residents.	\$ 1,282,500.00
16 EnCompass: Resources for Learning	Youth Workforce Consortium aka "The Hive"	A collaborative "Hive" program geared toward BIPOC youth that offers year-round workforce programming, wraparound services and career placement pathways.	\$ 5,869,117.00
17 Foodlink, Inc.	Expanding Food Access for Monroe County Families	Using their delivery truck model and relationships with organizations who work with low-income families, Foodlink will enhance their operations and address existing gaps in traditional Federal Nutrition Programs (FNP) to serve more quality, nutritious meals to multi-generational families throughout Monroe County.	\$ 1,430,745.00
18 Mt. Olivet Baptist Church	Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Active Shooter Preventive Action Plan	Security measures to fortify the church (lighting, security film for windows, safe rooms etc.) as well as active shooter training.	\$ 417,225.00
19 Trillium Health	Project ACCESS	Wraparound health services for underrepresented and minority communities (LGBTQ+, BIPOC, homeless) including a Mobile Access Clinic, Syringe Exchange Program and a Food Cupboard.	\$ 4,908,546.00
20 Lifespan of Greater Rochester Community Resource Collaborative on Behalf of the Neighborhood	Improving Older Adults' Health, Safety and Economic Recovery Through Community-based Aging Services and Healthcare Integration	Wraparound services and support for seniors to enhance access to healthcare: LPNs will coordinate transportation and attend medical appointments with older adults, facilitate telehealth, arrange pharmacy delivery and schedule preventative health care screens and vaccinations.	\$ 800,000.00
21 Collaborative Project	Neighborhood Collaborative Project (NCP)	Wraparound services and neighborhood outreach via collaboration between well-known community organizations in the crescent.	\$ 7,160,849.00
22 Dress for Success Rochester	Dress for Success Rochester: Road to Success	A mobile boutique and career center that would offer workforce training and career attire for underserved women.	\$ 588,820.00

23) Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Rochester NY	Youth Mentoring and Family Support in Monroe County	Creation of a Mentoring Center and enhancement of BBBS program to serve more youth with wraparound services.	\$ 655,688.00
24) Veterans Outreach Center, Inc.	Veteran Housing and Services Project (VHSP)	Renovation of transitional housing complex for homeless and low-income male veterans.	\$ 1,974,500.00
25) Rochester Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Rochester	Driven2Success	Helps vulnerable Monroe County residents with financial counseling to secure affordable auto loans and find reliable transportation with local lending partners.	\$ 429,491.00
26) Corporation Providence Housing Development	Door of Hope	Wraparound services for deaf/hard of hearing individuals fleeing domestic violence or human trafficking.	\$ 2,087,808.00
27) FLPPS	Transformational Community Care Coordination (TC3)	A workforce development program that would pay SNFs and HHCAs for the successful recruitment and training of certified nursing assistants (CNAs), home health aides (HHAs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs), and registered nurses (RNs), which will expand service capacity within the SNFs and HHCAs. Monroe County (MC) SNFs and HHCAs would receive \$11,500 per CNA/HHA employed and trained.	\$ 5,500,000.00
28) Center for Community Alternatives	Promoting A Community Transformation: Nonviolence Project (PACT: Nonviolence Project)	Services for youth (aged 10-20) at risk of gun violence including housing, transition advocacy services and a Justice Peer Program with adult mentors who have experience in the juvenile legal system.	\$ 3,879,996.00
29) Monroe County DEI	Language Access Program and MWBE Micro Loan Program	Upgrade access to language services: the department will work with local educational institutions like RIT and MCC to get over 200 people (community members and employees) certified, trained and developed to deliver language access services in their respective departments or community organizations. This program also proposes to purchase equipment and tools for interpretation services that can be borrowed by MC Departments and approved community organizations; Increase opportunity for MWBEs to kick start their growth while increasing the strength of entrepreneurship in Monroe County for women and people of color. The program will fund justified equipment, material, or personnel costs to help MWBEs start-up or expand their business over a 12-month period. The program proposes to fund 40-60 (10-15 per year) businesses over 4 years.	\$ 1,000,000.00
30) Monroe County Department of Planning	Monroe County Land Bank	Partnership with The City of Rochester to expand the City's existing land bank to incorporate the twenty nine suburban towns and villages within Monroe County. creation/ enhancement of a website, legal expenses, planning studies and acquisition and/or demolition of property.	\$ 1,000,000.00
31) Monroe County Department of Planning	Revolving Loan Fund	Establish and administer a revolving loan fund, primarily microloans up to \$50,000*, to provide access to capital and technical assistance not otherwise available to small and start-up businesses	\$ 5,000,000.00
32) Monroe County Department of Planning	Virtual Co-location Workforce Plan	Use software developer to create a one stop location for job seekers to identify their aptitude, locate available jobs that fit, and available training to obtain jobs.	\$ 4,000,000.00
33) Monroe County Department of Planning	ARPA Plan Administration	Provide daycare services, increase the number of households who have access to daycare, allowing them to accept jobs. Create new child care businesses in the county and reopen a facility.	\$ 1,000,000.00
34) Monroe County DHS	Child Care Provider Capacity Building Pilot Program	Program that will provide no cost loans or grants to those at or below 200% of the Federal poverty line no cost loans or grants who need transportation to start or keep employment. Support services such as employment coach/mentor and financial literacy.	\$ 1,600,000.00
35) Monroe County DHS	Transportation Focused Job Skills Program for Monroe County Adults and Families	Approaches violence with the understanding that violence is an epidemic process that can be stopped using the same evidence-based, public health strategies employed to fight epidemics such as COVID-19, AIDS and Tuberculosis	\$ 1,400,000.00
36) Monroe County Public Health	Cure Violence	Creation of one stop location for healthy birthing services supporting underserved communities.	\$ 4,200,000.00
37) Monroe County Public Health/ DHS	Holistic Maternal and Infant Care	Bring together neighborhood teens with beat officers who patrol their streets. Over the course of 7 sessions-- including a graduation ceremony and one follow-up on line reunion--youth participants and local police officers engage in discussions, games, and role plays to build their public speaking and facilitation skills, get to know each other on a personal level, and learn from each other.	\$ 4,000,000.00
38) Monroe County Public Safety	Youth and Police Initiative	Procure a subject matter expert (SME) on recruitment and retention of a diverse workforce within the Department of Public Safety	\$ 500,000.00
39) Monroe County Public Safety	Project JEDI	Family Reunification Centers provide a venue for authorities to provide information to victims, coordinate access to support services, and facilitate the collection of information from families about the victims that can be used for victim identification. A Crisis Assistance Center provides a central location which is designed to ensure effective communication between agencies responsible for the provision of family assistance services; ensure efficient delivery of family assistance services by assessing needs, identifying gaps, avoiding duplication of services; and coordinating/managing requests for services	\$ 710,000.00
40) Monroe County Public Safety	Family Reunification Crisis Centers	Health & Wellness Program creates a long-term framework that supports and recognizes the critical linkages between community wellness, mental health, and public safety.	\$ 400,000.00
41) Monroe County Sheriff	Health and Wellness Program		\$ 3,502,000.00
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